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Dear Brian,

Thank you for updating us on the proposed final decision by the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads regarding the proposed closing of the Milwaukee Street railroad crossing between our "West Main" cheese make facility and our "East Main" treating and converting facility, in the City of Plymouth.

In reviewing the proposed final decision, we would like the opportunity to provide some feedback from our perspective that may help in formulating the final decision.

Currently, our team members walk routinely between the two facilities, with as many as 50 trips per day made depending on business needs. In addition, we have a need for fork lifts to travel between the facilities. These needs will increase further as we are currently in the process of working with WEDC and the Wisconsin Historical Society on plans to renovate the East Main facility to both retain the historical significance of the building and expand our production capacities. We are excited to be working with these agencies to come up with a solution that advances both of these goals.

While we are not necessarily opposed to the planned closure, we feel there is additional time needed to work through many of the issues the closure will cause. We need to insure that we will still have the ability to have our team members easily and safely walk and operate fork lifts between the two facilities. We also feel it is important to understand how the closure will impact our renovation plans, in particular as it relates to the appearance of the changes, removal of old signs, poles, etc. and the relationship to our desire and need to comply with the historical status requirements. In addition we need to understand how the addition of any turn around areas or cull de sacs may impact these plans, or if they may possibly infringe our property. We are concerned about the impact on our semi access for the East Main facility as we hope to expand production in this facility, as well as neighborhood truck traffic due to any possible changes to our milk truck staging area at West Main.

We feel it is unreasonable to expect a written plan for schedule completion completed by July 31, 2016 as we are still working on the submission of our plans for the WEDC/Wisconsin Historical Society application, and do not know what feedback or changes they may have related to these plans. Further, we feel more time is needed to meet with the WSOR and the City of

Plymouth to consider the options for a safe walkway for our team members and fork lift traffic between our two production facilities.

Further, we feel the November 30, 2016 date for the completion of the work is unreasonable, as we have not seen any firm plans to address our needs for a safe pedestrian crossing for our team members, nor any knowledge of where any cull de sac's would be located. Considering the timeline to firm this up, acquire quotes, and complete construction, November 30, 2016 seems unrealistic.

Please include our comments in any communication you have with the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. We will send a copy of this letter to them as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and your help on this, and your continued support of our company and our team members. Sartori is a family owned, good corporate citizen, based in Plymouth for over 77 years. Sartori, along with the City of Plymouth, and the State of Wisconsin continue to be great partners in advancing our business for the benefit of all involved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 920-449-7911 or by email at mschwechel@sartoricompany.com.

Sincerely,



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